

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 22 to 27 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) A peripheral apparatus connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus comprising:

- a switch, which is turned on by a user or the computer;
- a control unit, which controls the peripheral apparatus; and
- a power control unit, which determines whether or not the switch is turned on by the user or the computer, and which starts supplying power from a battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the user or the computer,

wherein the control unit determines whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer if the switch is turned on by the computer,

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer computer, and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer, the control unit controls the peripheral apparatus to operate as a peripheral apparatus for the computer, and

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer computer, and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer, the

control unit controls the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time, and

wherein after the predetermined time is elapsed, the power control unit determines again whether or not the switch is turned on by the user or the computer.

23. (Currently Amended) A peripheral apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein if the switch is turned on by the user, the control unit controls the peripheral apparatus to operate as a standalone device.

24. (Currently Amended) A method used in a peripheral apparatus connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus including a switch, which is turned on by a user or the computer, a control unit, which controls the peripheral apparatus, and a power control unit, which determines whether or not the switch is turned on by the user or the computer, and which starts supplying power from a battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the user or the computer, the method comprising the steps of:

determining whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer if the switch is turned on by the computer;

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer computer, and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer, controlling the peripheral apparatus to operate as a peripheral apparatus for the computer; and

wherein if the switch is turned on by the computer ~~computer~~, and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer, controlling the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time.

wherein after the predetermined time is elapsed, the power control unit determines again whether the switch is turned on by the user or the computer.

25. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 24, further comprising a step of, if the switch is turned on by the user, controlling the peripheral apparatus to operate as a standalone device.

26. (Currently Amended) A peripheral apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the peripheral apparatus ~~is capable of operating~~ operates as an electronic camera ~~when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the computer~~ if the switch is turned on by the user.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the peripheral apparatus ~~is capable of operating~~ operates as an electronic camera ~~when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the computer~~ if the switch is turned on by the user.